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TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM  
INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
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SUBJECT:REALIGNMENT OF RSO GEOGRAPHICAL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR STOCKHOLM

1. THE DEPARTMENT MUST CONTINUE TO ASSESS THE LIMITED  
NUMBER OF SECURITY POSITIONS AVAILABLE WORLD-WIDE, TO  
INSURE THEIR MOST EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION. FOLLOWING COM-  
PLETION OF BASIC COUNTER-TERRORISM PROJECTS AND IMPLEMEN-  
TATION OF UPGRADED SECURITY MEASURES AND PROCEDURES IN  
SOME AREAS, IT IS THEN NECESSARY TO REALLOCATE SECURITY  
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POSITIONS TO OTHER AREAS WHERE MORE URGENT NEEDS EXIST.

2. THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
COPENHAGEN IN JUNE 1976 (RECOMMENDATION 7.3-16) STATES:  
"A/SY SHOULD ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY FUNC-  
TION IN DENMARK, FINLAND, SWEDEN AND NORWAY TO THE RSO  
IN STOCKHOLM AND REPROGRAM THE RSO POSITION IN COPENHAGEN

TO HIGHER PRIORITY NEEDS ELSEWHERE."

3. ALTHOUGH THE S/IG RECOMMENDATION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER FUNCTIONS FOR SCANDINAVIA IN STOCKHOLM WAS NOT OFFICIALLY SENT TO ALL POSTS CONCERNED, SY UNDERSTANDS THE INSPECTORS DID INFORMALLY DISCUSS THIS RECOMMENDATION WITH THESE POSTS.

4. DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO REALIGN COVERAGE IS BASED ON FOLLOWING RATIONALE:

A. THE PROJECTS TO COMBAT TERRORISM AND OTHER SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS HAVE EITHER BEEN COMPLETED OR ARE NEARING COMPLETION.

B. THE TWO RSO POSITIONS FOR THE SCANDINAVIAN POSTS HAVE SATISFIED THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES OF SY AND THE POSTS.

C. ONE RSO POSITION SHOULD NOW SUFFICE FOR THE AREA.

D. THE RSO POSITION SAVED IS URGENTLY NEEDED AT ANOTHER POST.

E. STOCKHOLM APPEARS TO BE THE LOGICAL POST TO LOCATE THE RSO SERVING SCANDINAVIA BECAUSE THE OFFICE IS ALREADY ESTABLISHED AND EXCELLENT MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRIPS TO CONSTITUENT POSTS.

5. SY BELIEVES THAT ONE RSO POSITION IN STOCKHOLM CAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFECTIVELY MEET THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCANDINAVIAN POSTS. IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SY WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO RSO STOCKHOLM IF NECESSARY.

6. IF ON THE BASIS OF EXPERIENCE, IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE RSO CAN NOT EFFECTIVELY HANDLE THE EXPANDED AREA OF COVERAGE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER THE ASSIGNMENT OF A SECOND RSO TO STOCKHOLM.

7. BASED ON THIS ASSESSMENT, AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE FORTHCOMING. THE RSO STOCKHOLM SHOULD ARRANGE WITH RSO COPENHAGEN FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE SECURITY FILES, ETC, AND SHOULD ALSO DETERMINE THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF TRAVEL FUNDS NEEDED TO COVER HIS EXPANDED AREA; ADVISE SY/EX BY TELEGRAM.

8. IF CONSULTATION WITH RSO COPENHAGEN IS DEEMED ADVISABLE, RSO STOCKHOLM IS AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL PRIOR TO

RSO STEPHAN'S DEPARTURE.

9. EMBASSY STOCKHOLM COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.  
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